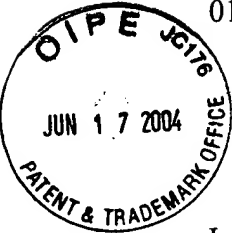


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election-of-Species requirement dated May 17, 2004, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Species IV, related to printer dot size. Applicants understand that the Examiner will examine, for patentability purposes, generic Claims 1, 7-12, and 18-22, as well as Claims 5 and 16. Applicants note that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to rejoinder of claims directed to Species within that genus.

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